

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 27, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Trey Gooch  
Commissioner Robert Peay  
Commissioner Jeff Phillips  
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips  
Commissioner Doug Shafer  
Commissioner Matt Young  
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess     Mike Nunley  
Bernard Salandy     Randy Garrett  
Larry Farley     Dan Goode  
Michael Gregory     Lynn Duke  
Robert Arnold     Joe Russell  
Tim Hooker     Kevin Lauer  
Rebecca Baskett     Joe Gourley  
Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE:

The Committee was reminded of discussions last month regarding potential adoption of the International Fire Code to enable the County to have more authority in banning fireworks and open burning as well as address of red top fire hydrants. Kevin Lauer of CTAS addressed the Committee advising with the creation of the County Fire Department this opens many options and he thought the entire Fire Code should be adopted even if the entire Code could not be implemented at this time. The Code does not have to be enforced all at one time. The Committee was advised the Code does not require houses to have sprinklers. Commissioner Peay questioned if there was any down side to adopting with the County having volunteer fire departments in addition to the County Fire Department and Mr. Lauer advised he did not see any. A new position would be required to do inspections and this would potentially be a Fire Department employee. Commissioner Young questioned how many commercial reviews would be required. Chairman Farley advised blue print and plat reviews would also have to be done. The new position would be a Fire Marshall in the Fire Department working with the Building Codes Department.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to recommend to Steering Committee adoption of the International Fire Codes for Rutherford County."

Commissioner J. Phillips advised he thought Planning should be involved because this will affect developers. Additionally, public hearings are needed and Planning already has this tool in place. Commissioner Peay advised he thought Steering Committee would handle the issue properly potentially with a study committee. Mayor Burgess requested a plan for the Steering Committee to consider.

"Commissioner Young moved to amend the original motion, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, for the Fire Chief and CTAS to prepare a comprehensive outline for the Steering Committee to consider of the series of steps to lead to adoption of the International Fire Code. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Commissioner J. Phillips questioned if the matter had to go to the Steering Committee. Chairman Farley agreed Public Safety could handle the process and forward the matter to the Commission like Public Works handles adoption of the International Building Code.

"Commissioner Peay amended his original motion, with consent of Commissioner T. Phillips, to recommend to Public Safety Committee adoption of the International Fire Code for Rutherford County. The original motion was withdrawn."

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to retract the amendment to the original motion. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, for the Fire Chief and CTAS to present a comprehensive outline on the series of steps to lead to the potential adoption of the International Fire Code with attendant data on a time frame, cost, etc. to the Public Safety Committee for a final decision. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next advised the Ambulance Service had recently been awarded \$264,000 by the Christy Houston Foundation to replace twelve cardiac monitors.

#### JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following review,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tim Hooker presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Joe Gourley next presented a First Amendment to Lease Agreement for the Tiger Hill tower and Lease Agreement for the Lynch Hill tower both with the State of Tennessee. The State owns the land at Tiger Hill and the amendment allows the State to place equipment on the County tower and in the building. It was unknown if the documents had been reviewed by the County Attorney but both had been prepared by the State Attorney. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement for the Tiger Hill

tower and Lease Agreement for the Lynch Hill tower and authorize execution contingent upon approval of the same by the County Attorney's Office. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was advised the money has been secured to build the Midland-Fosterville Volunteer Fire Department station. Additionally, David Kline is in the process of drawing specs for the Elam Road station due to the fire damage to decide how to proceed.

Mr. Farley next advised Mr. Nolen of the Solid Waste Department has taken two trucks out of his fleet and offered the same to the County Fire/Rescue Department. Mr. Farley advised he would need \$55,000 to be able to put 2,500 gallon tanks on the trucks with portable pumps to use as tanker trucks with the same to be baffled. Commissioner Young questioned if this would be NFPA compliant. Mr. Farley advised the trucks would not be running emergency traffic but would merely be for water transport to supply to firefighters. Commissioner Young advised he did not want this liability on the County. Commissioner T. Phillips advised there was no water supply or fire protection in her district. Chairman Farley advised he saw no difference in the Highway Department sending a water truck on asphalt jobs.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to accept the presentation of the Fire Chief regarding the two donated trucks, accept the trucks and send the same out to bid for water tanks and forward the matter to the Budget Committee. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Gooch, Peay, J. Phillips, T. Phillips, Shafer and Farley voting "yes" and Commissioner Young voting "no".

Commissioner Young again questioned the liability to the County with refurbished trucks when the same are owned by the County and advised he was more inclined to donate the trucks to the volunteer fire departments and let them put tanks on them. Commissioner T. Phillips questioned if the issue should be reviewed by the County Attorney. Mayor Burgess advised he would use proper resources to review the matter and provide the findings to the Budget Committee.

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shaffer, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Salandy next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$2,475 from Account #101-54220-449 (Other Supplies/Materials) to Account #101-54220-709 (Data Processing Equipment) to provide funding to purchase laptop computers for the medical system for inmates. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the budget amendment of \$2,475 from Account #101-54220-449 (Other Supplies/Materials) to Account #101-54220-709 (Data

Processing Equipment). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Gregory next provided a copy of a Customer Service Survey to be provided to PAWS visitors for the information of the Committee advising the collected data will be compiled and also supplied.

Mr. Gregory next advised he had been working on a grant proposal with PetSmart Charities in the amount of \$70,260 with no cost to the County. Mr. Gregory advised the grant proposal targeted pit bulls and he hoped to spay or neuter 1,450 pit bulls at no cost to the owner regardless of income including a microchip using current staff. Mr. Gregory advised the grant proposal had to be a breed specific and he chose pit bulls because one out of every five dogs coming into the shelter are pit or pit related and this could be tracked to see if this number of spay or neuters had a result.

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve application for the PetSmart Charities grant in the amount of \$70,260 and execution of the same if awarded. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold advised the current population at the jail is 916 with 19 men and 10 women sleeping on the floor.

The Committee was provided a copy of the crime map to be published in The Murfreesboro Post which shows where crimes have been committed. The Committee was also provided information regarding on-site education course offerings by the Tennessee Technology Center. A copy of the Classification Review prepared by National Institute of Corrections, Jails Division was also provided. A copy of the Grand Jury report after its recent tour of the jail was provided. Sheriff Arnold had requested the tour.

The Committee was next provided the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chairman Farley next read a portion of the Property Management Committee minutes where purchase of chillers and hot water heaters was discussed. The bids were \$124,980 for the hot water heaters and \$268,365 for the chillers. The Committee was advised it would be best to begin the chiller replacement during the winter months. Currently, \$500 per month is being spent to replace lost refrigerant. The lead time for the equipment is eight to ten weeks with another two to three weeks for installation. If the order could be placed no later than November 1 that would have delivery during January with project completion in February. The Committee was advised replacement of the water heaters is the more critical project at this time. The new units have a twelve week expected delivery schedule. If ordered by September 1, delivery would occur in early December with installation taking up to three weeks. If the hot water heaters go out, inmates will have to be housed by other counties. A

budget amendment was presented for \$393,345 from unappropriated funds.

Mayor Burgess advised he was trying to be prudent and think ahead. When the budget was passed this year it was almost at the required 15% fund balance and consideration has to be given to next year's budget. The County continues to invest substantial dollars in the funding of maintenance and building improvements at the jail and he would like to see some reasonable effort to fund the expenditures out of the current budget. Mayor Burgess reviewed the money spent on maintenance and building improvements over the last few years at the jail. Commissioner Young advised the County needed to be proactive and not reactive but the Committee did need to see where the money would come from. Chairman Farley advised the least expensive part is the most critical being the hot water heaters. Joe Russell advised \$120,000 was funded last year and it was obviously not enough as the jail only turned in \$100,000 at the end of last year's budget. The Committee was advised this expenditure was included in the budget request for 12/13 but was cut. Chairman Farley ask if the Sheriff's Department could fund the \$125,000 with the other to potentially be funded from unappropriated with an eye on maintenance line items. Sheriff Arnold advised the building had little or no maintenance done over the last ten years. Mayor Burgess advised he had no problem sending the chillers to the Budget Committee for funding if the Sheriff's Department can pay for the hot water heaters out of its current budget. Chairman Farley advised the Committee saw the need. Commissioner Young advised future utilities may be less. Sheriff Arnold reminded the Committee the jail does bring in money as they have changed the phone contract and the bail bonding fee, etc. Mr. Russell advised he had \$149,000 in maintenance currently unencumbered so this encumbrance would leave that line item short. Mayor Burgess suggested transferring from building improvements. Sheriff Arnold advised they already have projects lined up for the building improvements monies.

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to send the budget request to the Budget Committee with no recommendation on how to fund. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Gooch, T. Phillips, Shafer, Young and Farley voting "yes" and Commissioner J. Phillips voting "no".

Sheriff Arnold next invited the Committee to tour the jail.

Sheriff Arnold next advised he wants to do public service announcements on Channel 19 but his requests keep getting shut down or he gets the run around and he was requesting help. Commissioner Gooch inquired as to the cost. Sheriff Arnold advised these are done for other departments all the time. Chairman Farley directed the Sheriff to discuss with the County Mayor as that department is under his authority.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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GARY FARLEY, Chairman